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Russian A-Expert Says He Is Staying in Canada

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EDMONTON, Canada, Oct. 6 (AP)—A prominent Soviet nuclear scientist has defected to Canada, saying he can find

academic and political freedom in this country. Dr. Boris Dotsenko, 41, former chief nuclear scientist at the Ukrainian Academy of Science in Kiev, announced Thursday his decision not to return to Russia.

He said that after "much soul-searching" he decided to apply for permanent residence status. He came to the University of Alberta a year ago on a research grant. He is on leave from his position as head of the nuclear laboratory at Kiev State University.

(U.S. scientists know Dotsenko as a nuclear chemist well regarded for his work in the theory of nuclear structure. Much of his recent work, it is understood, has been with high energy accelerators at the Kiev Institute, which U.S. scientists regard as a good but not outstanding research center.

(None of his work, U.S. officials emphasized, has been with nuclear weapons.)

Dotsenko said in the Soviet Union he found too much emphasis on research that had some immediate practical effect, too much "do what you are told."

"The main point is that I am a scientist and in the conditions here in Canada I can work far more effectively," he said. "There is far more, well, I am not afraid to use the word, there is far more democratic approach here." He also said "the political system of Canada is more in accord with my own thinking." Dotsenko said he applied two months ago to the Canadian government and was granted a one-year extension of his stay. After that the government will decide on his permanent status. Since the application, he added, he had been visited by two members of the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa, but he told them he was staying in

(A Soviet Embassy spokesman in Ottawa said Dotsenko's defection came as a surprise but he added that the scientist would "probably change his mind later on," United Press International reported.

"You can make a foolish mistake and regret it later... this has happened many times," the Russian official said.)

At the University of Alberta's research center, Dotsenko said: "you can do research as you wish. You are more free in choosing your way."

His defection has caused cancellation of an exchange program involving graduate students between Kiev Academy and the University of Alberta.

Red Aide in London Called Top Agent

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (AP)—The Russian official involved in the recent hassle over a young Soviet scientist in London was identified today as the top secret police agent who handled the release of American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers.

"I positively identify the man as Ivan Alexandrovitch Schischkin with whom I negotiated the exchange of Powers and Col. Abel," New York attorney James B. Donovan said. Donovan revealed that U.S. intelligence officials believe Schischkin to be the head of operations in Western Europe for KGB, the Soviet secret police.

"They are obviously using him on their top cases," Donovan said. Schischkin's name cropped up in London Sept. 16 when British police pulled Dr. Vladimir Tkachenko off a Moscow-bound Soviet airliner, charging the physicist had been drugged and kidnapped.

A Soviet official, identified as Consul Ivan A. Shishkin, was said to have arranged Tkachenko's departure after British authorities released him.